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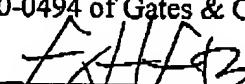
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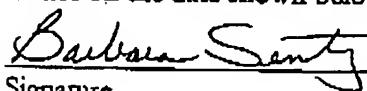
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| Applicant: | Brian D. Gant et al. |
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| Title: | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERACTIVELY MANIPULATING AND DISPLAYING PRESUMPTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GRAPHIC OBJECTS |
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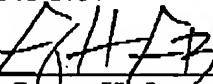
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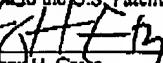
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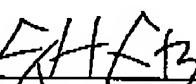
Dear Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8.
- Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175).
- Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.183.
- Charge the Petition Fee in the amount of \$130.00 to the Deposit Account.
- Verified Statement by George H. Gates in Support of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.183.

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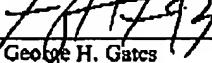
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.183

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Dear Sir:

This Petition is being submitted in accordance with M.P.E.P. §1414.01 to request a waiver of the signature requirement of a non-signing inventor for a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S) in the above-identified reissue patent application.

Applicants' attorney made two attempts over the past weeks to contact inventor Brian D. Gant in order to obtain his signature on a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S). However, as set forth in the accompanying Statement, inventor Brian D. Gant did not respond. On the other hand, the other inventor, Alfredo Contreras, was reached and did sign a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S), which accompanies this Petition.

This Petition is being submitted by facsimile, and thus Applicants' attorney requests that the required Petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0494 of Gates & Cooper LLP. Any other fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-

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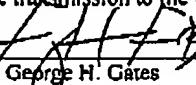
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VERIFIED STATEMENT BY GEORGE H. GATES IN SUPPORT OF
THE PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.183

I, George H. Gates, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a registered patent attorney, as well as a partner in the law firm of Gates & Cooper LLP. Gates & Cooper LLP represents the assignee in the above-identified patent application.
2. I have been involved in the prosecution of the above-identified reissue patent application since its filing on November 4, 1998.
3. On April 7, 2005, I discussed the status of the above-identified reissue patent application with SPRE Dwayne Bost at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). SPRE Bost stated that a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S) needed to be submitted before the application could proceed to the reissue grant.
4. On April 11, 2005, I sent a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S) to inventors Brian D. Gant (via email to his last known email address) and Alfredo Contreras (via first class U.S. Mail to his last known residential address and including a return envelope).
5. On April 27, 2005, I received an executed Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S) from Alfredo Contreras. However, I had not received any response from Brian D. Gant.

6. On April 27, 2005, I sent another Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S) to inventor Brian D. Gantt (via first class U.S. Mail to his last known residential address and including a return envelope).

7. As of today, May 18, 2005, I have not received an executed Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S) from Brian D. Gantt. Indeed, I had not received any response from Brian D. Gantt.

8. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own personal knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: May 18, 2005

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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION
FOR REISSUE
PATENT APPLICATION
TO CORRECT "ERRORS" STATEMENT
(37 CFR 1.175)**

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| Attorney Docket Number | G&C 30566.57-US-RE |
| First Named Inventor | Brian D. Gantt |
| COMPLETE if known | |
| Patent Number | 5,572,639 |
| Issue Date | November 5, 1996 |
| Art Unit | N/A |
| Examiner Name | SPE Dwayne Bost |

I/We hereby declare that:

Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior oath(s) and/or declaration(s) submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I/We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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| Brian D. | Gantt | |
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Additional inventors or legal representatives(s) are being named on the _____ supplemental sheets PTO/SB/02A or 02LR attached hereto.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.175. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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